

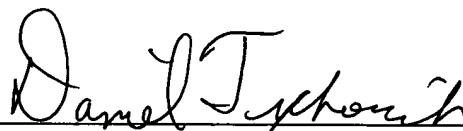
REMARKS

The Office Action of December 15, 2005, is acknowledged. The Examiner has restricted claims to Group I claims 1-14 and Group II claims 15-20. Applicant also thanks the Examiner's Supervisor, Ms. Kammie Cuneo, for the Telephone Interview with the Applicant on January 17, 2006.

Applicant elects Group I claims 1-14. Applicant, however, requests reconsideration by the Examiner for examination of Group II claims 15-20, with Group I based upon the attached Amendment. Ms. Cuneo indicated that the basis for the Restriction was the recitation of "for use as a structural element" in the preamble of claim 15. Claims 15-20 have now been amended so that the preamble is identical to that of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider examining all claims 1-20 together in light of the above attached Amendment.

Should any additional fee or extension of time be required for this response, please consider this a request for such and an authorization to charge or credit Baker & Daniels LLP Deposit Account No. 02-0387 (973748.01).

Respectfully submitted,

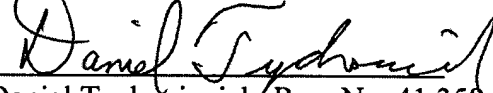


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